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**Subject:** Re: PCBs: Science Connector Project Created for PCB Exposure Estimation Tool  
**Date:** 10/02/2009 09:53 AM

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Kacee - Shall I wait to hear whether or not you have some standard language before I try posting the tool to the Science Connector? I have it ready with all of the changes that Jeff requested this morning, but for now, it includes my draft disclosure language.

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Hi Linda -

I believe we probably do have some standard disclaimer; however, all of the people who would know appear to be off today (Linda Tuxen, Linda Bailey-Becht). I'll poke around and see what I can find. In the interim, let's put your language in for now (which looks fine to me).

I'll be back in touch if/when I find out more about a standard disclaimer.

Thanks,  
Kacee

▼ Linda Phillips---10/02/2009 09:22:05 AM---Kacee - How is this for the disclosure statement? Is there any standard language that I need to use

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Kacee - How is this for the disclosure statement? Is there any standard language that I need to use?

The PCB Exposure Assessment Tool was reviewed internally by a multi-disciplinary team of U.S EPA scientists with experience in exposure/risk assessment, but has not been formally reviewed by an external peer review panel. The tool is based on standard exposure assessment practices and techniques, and uses input data from peer reviewed Agency publications and the scientific literature.

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Jeff - THANKS for doing this! I think the regions will be appreciative. I'm having a late start today, but I'm on my way to the office right now. I'll connect with Linda. I'll also send Jackie an email to let her know the plan (I think the strategy you outlined is perfect).

Thanks again, and have an excellent and very relaxing (and PCB- and dioxin-free) vacation!

Kacee

▼ Jeff Frithsen

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Jeff Frithsen

**Sent:** 10/01/2009 07:58 PM EDT

**To:** Kathleen Deener; Linda Phillips

**Subject:** PCBs: Science Connector Project Created for PCB Exposure Estimation Tool

Kacee and Linda:

I created Science connector Project for the PCB Exposure Estimation Tool. The title of the project is: PCB Exposure Estimation Tool. (I know - not much imagination here.) I suggest that we use the Science Connector project as a way of distributing the latest version of the tool and other information as needed. The project space may also work to help dialogue among members of the PCB workgroup.

Please sign into the Science Connector and let me know if you can find the project. Then, try to join. I'm curious if I have to "approve" in some way everyone who wants to join. If so, no big problem (can do while on annual leave), but would like to know.

Linda:

Please revise the tool (central tendency estimates only) to prominently reflect a version number and date on the introduction tab - probably at bottom. Also add two new tabs at the end, one tab "Disclosure" providing text that the tool has received only internal review and has not undergone external peer review. Perhaps you and Kacee could exchange text for this. The second tab label "Versions", or something like that. On this tab, we should describe what we change from one version to the next. This will help users, especially if they are using a previous version and wonder if their results would change if they used the latest version. When done, see if you can post the revised tool to the science connector.

Kacee:

You may want to let Jackie McQueen know what we're doing. I suggest that when the revised tool is posted on the science connector, Jackie should send a note to the PCB team.

Sound like a plan? Call me on my cell if a problem, and thanks for moving forward.

Jeff

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